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Subject: Re: Wall Street Journal interview request
Date: Monday, September 4, 2017 9:59:08 PM

I am not sure what is meant by a "benzene release". VALERO reported an issue with the floating roof on one of their crude oil tanks. Both EPA and TCEQ are aware of the issue and are received updates from VALERO as to their progress in getting the floating roof fixed.

Looping in Cheryl Seager.

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On Sep 4, 2017, at 9:51 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Following up on this because the reporter is still asking.

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On Sep 4, 2017, at 5:38 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Does anyone have this information?

From: Evans, Melanie [<mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 5:30 PM
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Hello Liz,

Can I find out what type of oversight or involvement the EPA has at Valero Partners Houston, which has reported a release of benzene from Harvey-related damage. What kind of air monitoring has the EPA conducted there and what has that monitoring determined?

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On Mon, Sep 4, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Bowman, Liz
<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Melanie – Let me see if a technical expert is available to talk with you. Thank you – Liz

From: Evans, Melanie [mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com]
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Hello,

This is Melanie Evans at the Wall Street Journal. If someone's free in the next two hours, I am hoping to interview someone at the EPA about efforts to monitor air quality in Texas communities affected by Hurricane Harvey. I am pulling together a story about initial reports from companies to the TCEQ on air emissions events.

I am now in New York and can be reached at [212-416-3708](tel:212-416-3708).

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